MASONIC.—THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COMmunication of Stansbury Lodge, No. 24, THURS-DAY, the 13th inst., at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Work: F. C. degree. By order of the W. M. W. E. NALLEY, Secretary. 1t

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MERCANICAL SECRETARY.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING OF De Molay Mounted Commandery, No. 4, THURS-DAY EVENING, August 13, at 7:30 o'clock sharp. The orders will be conferred. By order of the Eminent Commander, 1t\* CHAS. L. PATTEN, Recorder.

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## LT. SULNON'S DISAPPEARANCE. Ordinarily He Would Have Been Dropped as a Deserter.

Under ordinary circumstances the name of Second Lieut. Max Sulnon, 10th Cavalry, would have been dropped from the army register yesterday as a deserter. Such is the practice followed in the case of an officer who has been absent from his post without leave for three months. In the latter part of May Lieut. Sulnon, who was then stationed in Texas, was granted a few days' leave of absence for the purpose of visiting his family in the neighborhood. Since then he has not been seen or heard from, and has been carried on the rolls as "absent without leave." Lieut. Sulnon was an officer of excellent record and exeman officer of excellent record and exemplary habits, and was happy in all his relations, domestic and official. Consequently the belief is general in military circles that his unexplained absence is not entirely voluntary, and it is feared that he has been foully dealt with. It is on that account that the department is unwilling to put the charge of desertion against his record. Every effort is being made to secure some trace of him, and final action will be postponed by the department until his fate is ascertained.

His Death Severe Loss to National Museum.

AN AUTHORITY ON HISTORY OF MECHANICAL ARTS.

Was a Member of Patriotic Organizations-His Ancestors Distinguished -A Tribute of Respect.

The United States National Museum feels keenly the loss it incurred by the sudden death in New York city, August 11, of Dr. John Elfreth Watkins, who for many years was curator of mechanical technology. Dr. Watkins was born in Ben Lomond, Va., May 17, 1852, and was a son of Dr. Francis B. Watkins and Mary Elfreth. On his father's side he was descended from Thomas Watkins, who, during the war of the revolution, assisted by influence and money, raised a troop of cavalry of which his son became



captain. On his mother's side he was also descended from Timothy Matlack, the fighting Quaker, who was a member of the committee on safety in Pennsylvania, and subsequently a delegation to the Continental Congress during the years 1780 to 1787.

Young Watkins received his academic education at Tremont Seminary in Norristown. Pa., and then entered Lafayette College. Easton. Pa.. where he was graduated in the scientific course in 1871, taking the degrees of C. E. and M. S. For a year after graduation he served the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company as mining engineer, and then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad as assistant engineer of construction, being stationed at Meadows Shops. N. J., where he remained until 1873, when he was disabled for further field work by an unfortunate accident that resulted in the amputation of his right leg. On his recovery he was assigned to the Amboy divi-sion of the Pennsylvania road, and served WM. B. ORME, Secretary.

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was of the superior quality of the bear of the cambon and Atlantic railroad, and a year later was assigned to a similar office on the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad, which place he we are able to prove if you

Becomes Honorary Curator.

Meanwhile having become interested in studying the history of the beginnings of mechanical arts in the United States, he was brought into close relations with the late Dr. G. Brown Goode, upon whose recommendation the then secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, recognizing his worth, invited him to become honorary curator of transportation in the National Museum, which place he accepted in 1884, and at once began to develop that part of the museum's collections which are now so valuable. Two years later he severed his connection en-tirely with the Pennsylvania road, in order to devote all of his time to the museum, and continued as curator until 1892. The knowledge which he had acquired with special reference to the early history of the Pennsylvania railroad led to an invitation which he could not refuse, to return to the service of that corporation, and to organize the exhibits made by them at the world's Columbian exposition in Chicago. The exhibit was one of unusual interest, including as it did the original locomotive, John Bull, and many other historic objects, and of this he prepared a catalogue, which formed a volume of nearly 200 pages, which was published by the Pennsylvania railroad in

At the close of the world's fair in Chicago the Field Columbian Museum was organized, and it was at once apparent that the proper man for the directorship of the Department of Industrial Arts was Dr. Watking and he was immediately salled. Watkins, and he was immediately called to that place, where he remained for one year organizing the department. The ties which bound him to the National Museum were too strong to be completely severed, and accordingly in 1895 he returned to Washington, resuming his office as curator of me-chanical technology, which place he con-tinued to hold until his death, as well as that of superintendent of buildings, which his early training as an engineer made him

Engineering Topics. His interest in the history of transportation led to his publishing numerous papers on that subject, among which may be mentioned his "Beginnings of Engineering," in 1888; "The Development of the American Rail and Track," in 1889; "The Log of the Savannah," in 1890; "Transportation and Lifting of Heavy Bodies by the Ancients," in 1808, and also to his being chosen to prepare the history of the Pennsylvania railroad, 1845-1806, a series of large quarto volumes descriptive of the first fifty years of the railroad, which is regarded as beyond doubt the most complete history of the beginnings of railroad transportation in . e United States.

As his reputation in these matters in-creased he became more and more recogcreased he became more and more recognized as the great American authority on the history of mechanical arts, and in recognition of his work in this direction the Stevens Institute of Technology in 1900 conferred upon him the degree of doctor of engineering.

Dr. Watkins was exceedingly loyal to the city of his home and was the moving spirit in the patent centennial exercises that were held in Washington in 1891, and had much to do with the volume that was

that were held in Washington in 1891, and had much to do with the volume that was subsequently published. He also served on various committees in connection with the inaugurations of the Presidents and of the centennial celebration of the capital. He was a member of the Cosmos club, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of Colonial Wars, in which he was an officer, the Society of Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812, of which he was for some time treasurer, and the Washington Philosophical Society, of which he was for some years segretary. He was called to some years secretary. He was called to serve as a juror on his specialty at the expositions of Atlanta, Omaha and Buffalo. His wife, two sons, the elder of whom

bears his own name, and three daughters Tribute of Respect.

A meeting of his colleagues and associates at the National Museum was held today at 2 o'clock in the office of the assistant secretary for the purpose of taking action on the death of Dr. Watkins. The acting secretary, Mr. Rathbun, presided, and a committee, consisting of Dr. Adler, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Rovenal, provided resolutions of sympathy and condolence, which were adopted. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from his late residence

## FAIR TONIGHT.

Thursday Increasing Cloudiness;

Northerly Winds. Forecast till 8 p.m. Thursday: For Maryland, fair, cooler tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness; fresh northerly winds. For the District of Columbia, fair tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness; light to fresh northerly winds.

For Virginia, fair tonight; cooler in central and southeast portions. Thursday increasing cloudiness; fresh northerly winds.

Maximum temperature past twenty-four hours, 78; a year ago, 90.

Weather conditions and general forecast: The tropical storm is apparently central south of the west coast of Cuba and re-curving to the northward, more probably in pressure is falling steadily over western Cuba and southern Florida, with high northeasterly winds over the former dis-trict.

There have been showers quite generally in the Atlantic and gulf states and Ohio valley, and locally in the west as far as the mountains. There were also showers in the Temperatures have fallen considerably in the Ohio valley, lower lake region and middle Atlantic states, and have changed but

little elsewhere.

There will be showers tonight on the south Atlantic coast and rain in southern Florida. There will be rain Thursday in the south Atlantic and showers in the east gulf states. In the middle Atlantic states, lower lake region and Ohio valley the

lower lake region and Ohio valley the weather will be fair.

It will be cooler tonight in the middle and south Atlantic states and slightly warmer Thursday in the Ohio valley.

On the middle Atlantic coast winds will be fresh northerly; on the south Atlantic coast they will become northerly and slowly increase in force; they will become dangerous on the southern Florida coast; on the east gulf coast they will shift to northerly and slowly increase in force, and on erly and slowly increase in force, and on the lower lakes they will be fresh northwest

Hurricane warnings are displayed on the south Atlantic and gulf coasts from Jupiter to Port Eads, at Nassau and western Cuban ports. Storm warnings are displayed on the south Atlantic coast from Charles-

ton to Jacksonville.
Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh west to northwest winds and partly cloudy weather to the Grand Banks The following heavy precipitation (in

inches) has been reported during the past twenty-four hours: Swift Current, 1.06; Wilmington, 1.14; Norfolk, 2.14. West Indian storm apparently recurving northward toward south coast of western Cuba. Gale will set in over southeast gulf, southern Florida and western Bahamas this afternoon and night and probably over northeast part of Gulf of Mexico and along and off our south Atlantic coast Thursday. It is impossible to now determine whether the storm will reach our middle and north Atlantic coasts. Due and timely notice will be given if it shapes a course toward these coasts. Vessels have been warned not to sail southward from Atlantic ports.

Records for Twenty-Four Hours. The following were the readings of the thermometer and barometer at the weather bureau for the twenty-four hours beginning

Thermometer—August 11, 4 p.m., 78; 8 p.m., 75; 12 midnight, 70. August 12, 4 a.m., 67; 8 a.m., 67; 12 noon, 74; 2 p.m., 75. Maximum, 78, at 4 p.m. August 11; min-imum, 65 at 5 a.m. August 12. Barometer—August 11, 4 p.m., 29.86; 8 p.m., 29.86; 12 midnight, 29.87. August 12, 4 a.m., 29.92; 8 a.m., 20.98; noon, 30.02; 2

Condition of the Water. Temperature and condition of water at 8

a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 75; condi-tion, 2; Dalecarlia reservoir, temperature, 77; condition at north connection, 7; condition at south connection, 4; Washington city reservoir, temperature, 26; condition at influent gate house, 14; condition at effluent gate house, 35.

Tide Table.

Today-Low tide, 4:34 a.m. and 4:47 p.m.; high tide, 10:22 a.m. and 10:45 p.m. Tomorrow—Low tide, 5:11 a.m. and 5:22 p.m.; high tide, 10:58 a.m. and 11:25 p.m.

The Sun and Moon. Today-Sun rises, 5:08 a.m.; sun sets, 7:02

Moon rises, 9:07 p.m. Tomorrow-Sun rises, 5:09 a.m. The City Lights.

The city lights and naphtha lamps all lighted by thirty minutes after sunset; ex-All arc and incandescent lamps lighted fif-teen minutes after sunset and extinguished forty-five minutes before sunrise.

Up-River Waters. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.
HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., August 12.—
Both the rivers here are muddy today.

ELLA BRAXTON'S CAREER.

Has Served Prison Terms and Has Chance of Another. Ella Braxton, colored, who was arrested yesterday by Detectives Muller, Hartigan

and Cornwell and locked up on charges of housebreaking, as published in yesterday's Star, will be given a preliminary hearing in the Police Court tomorrow. The woman has caused the detectives a great amount of trouble and work since her release from the prison at Moundsville last September. Several times since a colored woman has been detected in the act of plundering a house, but each time she managed to escape. At other houses robberies were committed without discovery of the perpetrator. It was known to the detectives that Ella was at liberty, but she had managed to keep out of view, and it was not until yesterday that she was

overtaken. In her trunk the detectives found articles representing a dozen robberies. When placed under arrest she had nothing to say, except that she had done nothing

On the occasion of her first arrest, nearly twenty years ago, she told of her wrongdoings, and then stood by while her statements were repeated in the court by the police. She profited by experience, and on the occasions of her later arrests she has refused to make statements. Three times she has been sent away for her visits to houses at unusual hours and

without announcing her presence.
One prison sentence she incurred was for ten years. Her last trip to Moundsville was about three years ago. She expressed pleasure on this last occasion that her sentence was so light, in view of her other experience, and while she had refused to discuss her case with the officers at the time of her arrest she talked free-ly about it on her way to prison. The night she was taken to Moundsville she was one of nearly two dozen prisoners, and she entertained the party during the long ride over the mountains with sketches of her experience. Just before the train reached the destination the first-term prisoners were advised by those who had been over the road before that the time to keep quiet had arrived, and one of the men leaned across the aisle of the car and pressed his lips against those of the woman before the latter was able to realize what

was going on. As he did so he remarked: "The last kiss for three years." Yesterday afternoon and last night the detectives were engaged recovering goods and interviewing Ella's victims. While there will be a number of charges filed against her, it is likely that only one case will be heard in the Police Court, and bond in a sum sufficient to insure her attend-ance will be demanded.

WILL BE PROMOTED.

Capt. Lamberton Will Be Appointed

the Next Rear Admiral. Capt. B. F. Lamberton, who was Admiral Dewey's chief of staff on the Olympia during the battle of Manila bay, has qualified for promotion to the grade of rear admiral and will be appointed to the next vacancy Builders' Trial.

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The torpedo boat Tingey, which has been preparing for her trial trips before the relief of Rear Admiral George W. Sumner, who is coming home in anticipation of his retirement next December. The south Atlantic squadron at present consists of the flagship Newark, the unprotected cruisers Detroit and Montgomery and the tender Gloucester.

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The torpedo boat Tingey, which has been preparing for her trial trips before the preparing for her trial trips before the theory and today had another builders' trial of her engines and machinery over the government course at Barren Island, in Chesapeake Bay. It is expected she will come up to the requirements of her builders, and will be presented for her official acceptance trials in a few days.

Kobbe, 21st; Shaw, 30th Infantry; Lieutenants Geer, Brechemin, Shooke, medical department; D. T. Moore, James Reaves, Artilery Corps; Renziehusen, 4th; Norton, 15th Cavalry; Nowlen, 11th Infantry; Craig, Foster, dental surgeons; Maxwell, Bising, Felts, Burkhart, Turkey, contract surgeons; 109 discharged soldiers, 97 sick, 3 insane, 256 casuals, 64 general prisoners. The following deaths occurred during the voyage: Privates Julias, Ujhelyi, I. 26th Infantry; July 24, amebic dysentery; Charles F. Herbert Corps; Renziehusen, 4th; Norton, 15th Cavalry; Nowlen, 11th Infantry; Craig, Foster, dental surgeons; Maxwell, Bising, 60 discharged soldiers, 97 sick, 3 insane, 256 casuals, 64 general prisoners. The following deaths occurred during the voyage: Privates Julias, Ujhelyi, I. 26th Infantry. July 24, amebic dysentery; Charles F. Herbert Corps; Renziehusen, 4th; Norton, 15th Cavalry; Nowlen, 11th Infantry; Craig, Foster, dental surgeons; Maxwell, Bising, 109 discharged soldiers, 97 sick, 3 insane, 256 casuals, 64 general prisoners. The following deaths occurred during the voyage: Privates Julias, Ujhelyi, I. 26th Infantry; Derculosis. in that grade. Capt. Lamberton, who was

THE COURSE

Equity Court No. 1-Justice Barnard. Equity Court No. 1—Justice Barnard.
Goodale agt. Goodale; commission ordered to issue. McCormick agt. Watson; leave to intervene granted. American Wood Rim Co. agt. American Cycle Manufacturing Co.; intervening decree granted. Eggleston agt. Peasley; Douglass S. Mackall appointed receiver. Buck agt. Brainard guardian ad litem appointed. Jones agt. Jones; rule to show cause returnable August 20. In reunclaimed baggage held by Southern Railroad Co.; order directing sale. Simms agt. Simms; defendant ordered to pay alimony pendente lite. Boyd agt. Ellis; trustee authorized to accept offer for real estate. Dale agt. Price; co-trustee authorized to sign checks. Siebert agt. Siebert; sale finally ratified. Bradford agt. Kennedy; trustee authorized to pay over funds.

Criminal Court No. 1—Justice Barnard.

Criminal Court No. 1-Justice Barnard. United States agt. Henry W. Williams and Clarence McK. Agnew, larceny; nolle pros. and defendants released.

Probate Court—Justice Barnard.
Estate of Mary Sullivan; order of payment to Mary Benson. Estate of R. M. J.
Atwell; account passed. Estate of Matthew A. Turner; do. Estate of Catharina.
Ockstadt; do. Estate of Joseph Grinder; do. Estate of Helena Hoover; do. Estate do. Estate of Helena Hoover; do. Estate of Geo. E. Loweree; account passed. Estate of Alto V. Cowl; do. Estate of John J. Cook; do. Estate of John G. Long; order J. Cook; do. Estate of John G. Long; order to take papers from safe deposit box. Estate of John Nupponer; letters of administration granted to National Safe Deposit, Savings and Trust Company. Estate of Catharina Ockstadt; account of sales filed. Estate of Thomas Eastman; amended petition filed. Estate of Michael Foley; will, dated July 18, 1903, filed. Estate of Edw. W. Ayres; rule to show cause. Estate of Ellen Mechan; will, dated August 14, 1902. Ellen Meehan; will, dated August 14, 1902, filed, with petition for probate. Estate of Ann E. Coates; petition for appointment of collector filed.

Real Estate Transfers.

Clark Mills estate-E. Southard Parker et al., receivers, to Adajah Behrend and Joseph G. Waters, trustees, lot 1; \$71,000. Adajah Behrend and Joseph G. Waters, trustees, convey same property to American Butterine Company; \$100,000.

Moore & Barbour's Addition-David Moore et ux. to Lulu M. Riffel, lot 5, block 1; \$10. No. 400 New Jersey avenue southeast-May I. Doniphan to Helen E. Doniphan, lot A, square 694; \$10. Addition to Takoma Park—John P. Earn-

1; \$1,040. Eleventh and D streets northeast-Lottle L. Burn et vir, James D., to Minnie Bond, lot 17, square 693; \$10. No. 219 9th street southeast—Charles C. Wilkinson et ux. to Ell A. Berry, part original lot 19, square 923; \$10.

Rosedale and Isherwood-Michael Foley

est, trustee, to Laura E. Dyre, lot 5, block

to Bridget Babbington, lots 1 and 2, block Thirteenth street and South Carolina avenue southeast-Otilia Kennedy, executrix, to Alice M. Brooke, lots 7 and 8, square 1040; \$1,600.

Cliffbourne—Gerald M. Johnson to Wal-ter E. Schneider, lot 40, block 3; \$10. Brightwood Park—Louis J. Stoll to Bertha S. Stoll, lot 2, block 10; \$1. North Columbia Heights—George P. Robinson et al. to Bernard H. Lane, lots 1, 2 and 34, block 5; \$809.35. Colfax street northeast between L and M streets-Hayden Johnson et al., trustees, to 11, 1896, as the one you may authorize Robert R. Mahorney, lots 33 and 34, square

Building Permit. A permit was issued to the trustees of

Waugh M. E. Church to build a one threestory and cellar brick dwelling, 308 A street

Army Orders.

First Lieuts. Grayson V. Heift, Paul T. Hayne, jr., and Frederick W. Coleman, 13th Infantry, and Second Lieut. Kerr T. Riggs have been detailed to enter the general service and staff college, Fort Leavenworth,

Leaves of absence have been granted as Corps of Engineers, one month's extension: Second Lieut. Edwin C. Long, Artillery Corps, one month; First Lieut. John P. Hasson, 5th Cavalry, three months; Second Lieut, Campbell W. Flake, 22d Infantry, one month's extension; Second Lieut. James P. Barney, 4th Cavalry, one month and fifteen days' extension, and Second Lieut. Arthur Williams, Corps of Engineers, one month's extension.
First Lieut. Junius C. Gregory, assistant surgeon, has been relieved from duty at the United States general hospital, Washington Barracks, District of Columbia, and ordered to San Francisco, Cal., to report to the commanding general, department of California, for assignment to duty at the United States general hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Second Lieut. Harry D. Mitchell, 16th Infantry, has been ordered to examination for First Lieuts. Malin Craig, 6th Cavalry, and Warren Dean, 15th Cavalry and Second Lieut. H. C. Tatum, 7th Cavalry, have been detailed to instruction at the general service and staff college, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Naval Orders. Lieut. W. R. White, from the bureau of steam engineering, Navy Department, to

the Missouri. Lieut. C. S. Bookwalter, from the Panther to command the Macdonough. Lieut. D. E. Theleen, from the Franklin, navy yard, Norfolk, Va., to the Panther. Ensign P. Foley, from the Topeka to the Macdonough.

Acting Assistant Surgeon P. L. Cocke, from the Chesapeake and await orders. Pay Inspector J. A. Mudd, to the Kearsarge for duty as fleet paymaster of the north Atlantic fleet. Paymaster J. J. Cheatham, continue duty

on board the Maine. Paymaster U. G. Ammen, sick leave exended three months. Boatswain T. Sullivan, from the Columbia, Navy Yard. New York, N. Y., to the Franklin, and thence to the Boston.
Acting Boatswain L. J. DeRyder, from the Franklin, Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., to the Acting Boatswain J. E. Cartwright, to the

Acting Boatswain W. Jaenicke to the Acting Boatswain K. Rundquist to the Columbia. Acting Boatswain H. M. Anderson, from the Columbia to the Hancock. Acting Boatswains P. Emery and J. Heil,

to the Constellation, naval training station, Narragansett bay, R. I. Acting Boatswains T. W. Healey and W. H. Morin to the Olympia.
Gunner F. Rorschach, from the Kearsarge and await orders. Acting Gunner G. F. Ballard, from the Alabama to the Kearsarge, Acting Gunner S. Danielak, to the Frank-

Acting Gunner J. Mitchell, from duty with the torpedo boats in reserve, navy yard, Norfolk, Va., to the Pensacola, San Francisco, Cal. Warrant Machinist J. E. Venable to the works of William Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine Building Company, Philadelphia,

Acting Warrant Machinist E. G. Higgins, to the navy yard, Pensacola, Fla.
Acting Warrant Machinist J. J. Cotter, to the Olympia.

Soldiers' Home Band Concert.

John S. M. Zimmerman, musical director, will give the following program this afternoon at Soldiers' Home, beginning at 5:50 o'clock: 1. March, "The Tourist's Souvenir," Bergenholtz

2. Overture, "Bridal Rose".....Lavallee
3. (a) Song, "Violets"......Wright
(b) Tarantelle, "Carnival Dance"...Gilder
4. Excerpts from "Prince of Pilsen". Luders 5. Medley, "Recollections of the War," Beyer 6. Finale, "Navy Blue".....Zimme

Methods Necessary in Selling Personality for Taxes.

COUNSEL'S OPINION

POINT IN LAW UPON WHICH COL-LECTOR WANTED LIGHT.

The Officer to Be Authorized by Commissioners to Distrain and Sell Property.

Mr. E. H. Thomas, acting corporation counsel, this morning made an important ruling under authority of the District Commissioners as to the methods to be employed by the collector of taxes in levying upon and selling personal property in the District of Columbia on which the personalty tax is in arrears. The ruling is the result of an inquiry on the part of Mr. E. G. Davis, the District collector, who is charged with the custody and sale of any property that may be seized.

Paragraph 12 of the personal tax law provides that when the taxes on personal property due and payable each year shall not to be paid on or before the 1st day of June, the collector of taxes, or his deputy, may distrain sufficient goods and chattels found within the District and belonging to the delinquents to pay the amounts due. In the event no personal property can be reached, then authority is given to sell any interest the delinquents may have in real property in the District.

One of the points raised by Mr. Davis was as to whether the words "or his deputy" meant the present deputy collector of taxes, and also whether it would be necessary to formally appoint that deputy to

essary to formally appoint that deputy to carry out the provisions of the personal carry out the provisions of the personal tax law.

On the subject of the deputy collector Mr. Thomas, in his opinion, quotes the provisions of the act of Congress, approved June 11, 1896, to the following effect: "Such deputy shall hereafter perform such duties as may be required of him by the collector, and the collector may require the said deputy collector to give bond for the faithful performance of such duties; but the collector shall in every respect be but the collector shall in every respect be responsible, as now provided by law, to the United States, the District of Columbia and to individuals, as the case may

Words Construed.

be, for all moneys collected."

"I am constrained to advise you," says Mr. Thomas, "that you should construe the words, 'his deputy,' in paragraph 12, section 6 of the act of July 1, 1902, to mean the deputy referred to in the act of June to distrain for the collection of overdue taxes on personal property. I do not think any appointment of such deputy is needed, but it will do no harm to make a formal appointment."

Mr. Thomas forwards a blank form of appointment to be issued to the deputy incumbent and executed by the collector of taxes.

"In making this suggestion." continues the acting corporation counsel, "I have not surrendered my conviction that you may legally authorize an agent or agents

may legally authorize an agent or agents
to act for you, but literal compliance with
the statutes is the safest procedure."
With regard to the place of sale and the
person making it, Mr. Thomas says:
"Such sale is required to be at the time
and place prescribed by the statuate and by the officer designated, otherwise it will be void. The act of March 3, 1877, provided follows: Second Lieut. William G. Caples, that the sale should be made by the col-Corps of Engineers, one month's extension; lector 'in front of his office,' but the presoffice' and states that 'the collector shall proceed to sell at public auction in his office.' You can allow some one to cry the

sale for you if you are present.
"The act of March 3, 1877, provided that the collector of taxes shall be allowed, for making such distress and sale, the same fees as are now allowed to the marshal of said District for making levy and sale of property under execution.' Such provision is not, however, contained in the present

Duty of Collector.

Mr. Thomas states that in case of a distraint of personal property the collector is required to advertise the same immediately by posting public notice in his office and by advertisement three times within one week, in one or more of the daily newspapers published in said District stating the time when and the place where such property shall be sold, the last publication to be at least six days before the date of sale, which shall not be less than ten days after said levy or taking of said property.
"You should allow ten clear days between
the levy and sale," Mr. Thomas continues, "but you may allow more time. The adver tisement is to be three times within one week and to end six days before the sale. Ten days, including the first day of adver-tisement and the day of sale, should be allowed, although only nine days are required. This would make the last publica-tion at least six days before the day of sale, and would probably assure the elapse of ten days between the levy and sale."

Mr. Thomas concludes by saying that he regards the care of the goods between the time of levy and the time of sale as a part

statute does not say where the collector snall keep the goods between the time of

of "the costs and expenses which shall have

accrued thereon." Ten days storage will suffice if notice is promptly given. The

Last Day for Filing Returns. Today was the last day of filing personal tax returns for the year ending June 30 next. These returns form the basis of taxation upon which bills will be rendered for payment during the month of May, 1904. The returns are supposed to state the amount of personal property in the possession of the various owners July 1 last. The tax is levied on the basis of what the owner possesses at the beginning of the tax year, and not what he may accrue or dis-

pose of during the year. The day has naturally been a very busy one in the office of the assessor, Mr. Darneille, where the two personal tax appraisers, Messrs. Alexander McKenzie and Francis Nye, have their desks. Mr. Dar-neille and Messrs. McKenzle and Nye have been employed every moment of the day almost in answering the various questions propounded by those making returns and in swearing the property holders as to the truthfulness of their statements. It will be many weeks before the returns are sorted and scheduled.

RETURN OF THE LOGAN. Arrival of the Transport From Manila at San Francisco.

The adjutant general is informed that the

transport Logan has arrived at San Fran-

cisco from Manila with the following mili-

tary passengers: Col. Williams, Lieut. Col. Cornish, Majors L. W. Cooke, G. F. Cooke, Chaplain Dickson, Captains Houle, Kil-The United States Soldiers' Home Band, bourne, Preston, Rosenbaum, Baldwin, Roche, Lieutenants Arrowsmith, Benteen Watson, Richardson, Hanson, Osborn, Hall, Blasland, Schmidt, Gillis, Archer, Malone, Compton, Purcell, Thompson, Leckie, Kelly Seventy six one enlisted 26th Infantry, Cap Seventy six one enlisted 26th Infantry, Captains Steele, Anderson, Lieutenants Guiney, Baer, Biddle, Lahm, Miller, Butler, Keyes, McCabe. One sixty-four enlisted third squadron, 6th Cavalry, Col. Thompson, 23d Infantry; Majors E. A. Edwards, retired; Brechemin, Torney; medical department, Potts, inspector general; Capt. Settle, subsistence department; Godfrey, medical department; Dentler, 11th; McGinnis, 16th; Kobbe, 21st; Shaw, 30th Infantry; Lieutenants Geer, Brechemin, Shooke, medical deFINANCIAL.

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Washington, July 30, 1903.

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